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Chairman William E. Kennard
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

We understand the purpose of the proposed low power FM radio, and think it is well intended, but we do not think it will work. We would like to go on record adamantly opposing 'MM Docket No. 99-25'.

One of the problems that severely crippled AM radio was the allocation of so many new stations on the AM band. Then in the 1980's, 'Docket 80-90' allowed thousands of new FM stations on the air. After these stations came on the air, many stations started closing their doors. This led to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the consolidation in our industry.

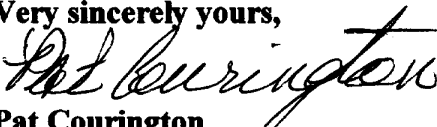
This past year a station in an adjoining State was allowed to move its tower and upgrade its signal, which now causes interference with our signal. Now, there is discussion about eliminating second and third adjacent channel protections. The interference protection standards are in place to maintain the integrity of the spectrum. We feel elimination and/or alteration to the standards will result in increased interference to our existing signal.

To my knowledge, nobody has addressed how this will effect In-Band, On-Channel digital radio. It appears that any alteration to the second-adjacent channel spacing restrictions could harm radio broadcasters in their transition to digital.

The Notice proposes to provide assistance to Low Power FM applicants, assistance unlike any ever provided to full-power applicants. Additionally, there is the increased regulatory and enforcement burden for monitoring these stations that we don't think the Federal Communications Commission is prepared to address.

We vote no to 'MM Docket 99-25'.

Very sincerely yours,


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